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Robert L. Ripley, artist, author, and creator of the most famous phrase in the English language, "BELIEVE IT OR NOT," was born on Christmas Day, 1893, in Santa Rosa, California, and was educated in the public schools there. As a boy he was always sketching.

At the age of sixteen he joined the art staff of the San Francisco *Bulletin*, and eventually went to New York City, where he became a sports cartoonist.

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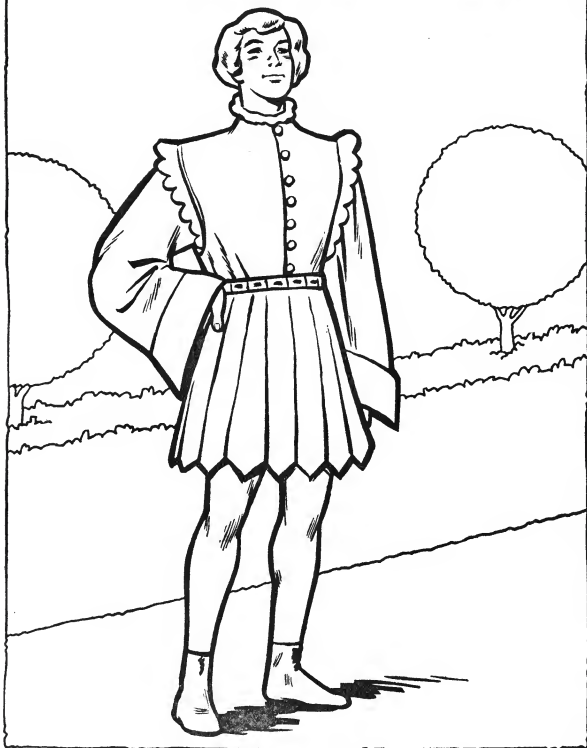
THE ELEPHANT THAT DEFEATED AN ARMY. "Gulim Ali," a military elephant in the Moslem army, won the battle of Talikota in 1565 by winding its trunk around the enemy commander and holding him captive in the air, until his troops surrendered.

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THE FORTRESS THAT WAS CAPTURED BY A KITE. In 1662, the Fort of Chakan, located atop a mountain peak in India, was forced to surrender when the attacking mogul, Shaistekham, exploded its powder arsenal by attaching a torch to the tail of a kite.

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A FASHIONABLE ENGLISHMAN in the 14th century wore a red stocking and white shoe on his left foot, a purple stocking and green shoe on his right foot, a purple sleeve and green cuff on his left arm, and a red sleeve, and white cuff on his right arm.

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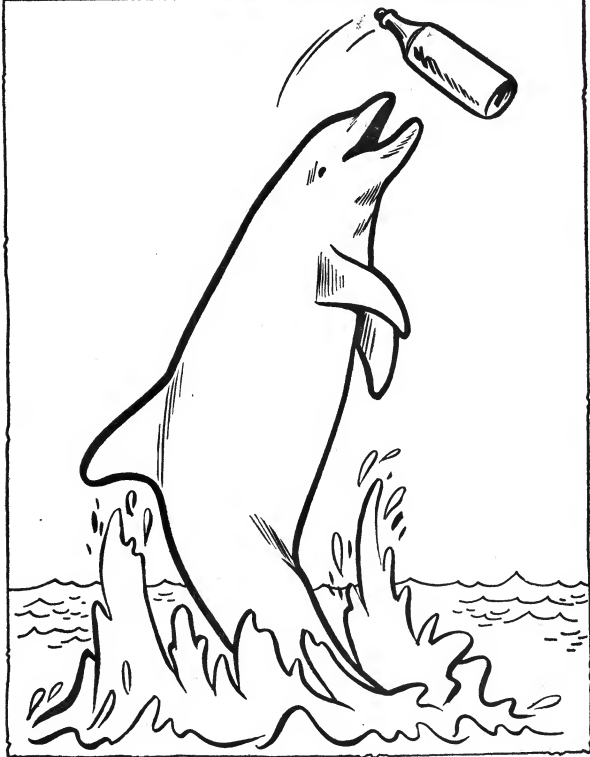
BOX TURTLE released by George B. Woodward with his initials carved on it and found again 44 years later, in North Chatham, New York.

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THE MAN WHO ALWAYS TIPPED HIS HAT TO DOGS. Adrien Vallés (1825-1880) of Bourges, France, as punishment for mistreating a family pet, was required by the terms of his father's will to doff his hat to every passing dog.

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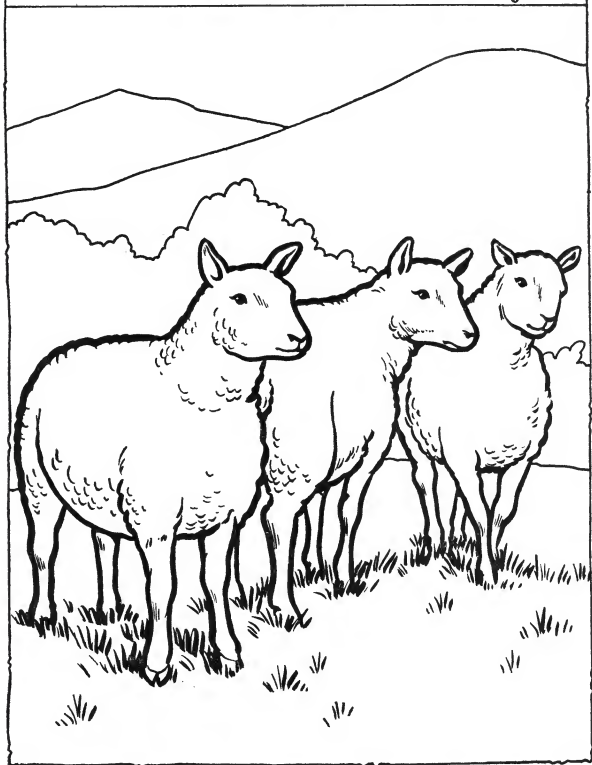
OPO GEORGE, a dolphin that remained in Hokianga Harbor and trained itself to juggle bottles, was protected by a special act of New Zealand's executive council—March, 1956.

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THE MAN WHO FELL 1,000 FEET — AND ESCAPED WITHOUT A SCRATCH! In September, 1933, Balthasar Nussbaumer, an Austrian mountain climber, guiding a party up 12,000-foot-high Mt. Grosvenediger, hurtled 1,000 feet when a rope broke—yet he walked away unharmed!

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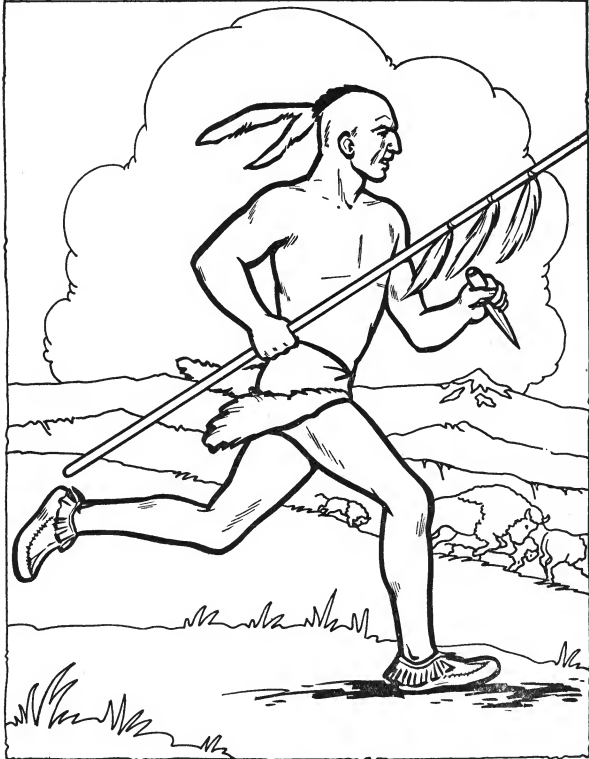
THE GREEN SHEEP OF BARRANCOS, PORTUGAL. A flock of sheep owned by Francisco Pulido had grass seed germinate in the wool on their backs.

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THE WEATHER WAS SO HOT that it popped corn in a field owned by W. P. Miles, Springfield, Missouri, August, 1947.

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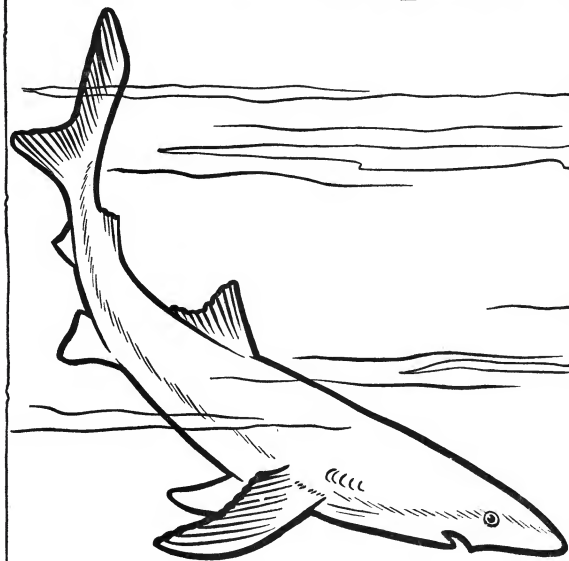
HEAP "BIG INJUN" Kots-a-to-ah of the Kioway tribe was 7 feet tall and so fleet of foot that he could run down a buffalo and slay him with his lance.

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ANGELICA CATALANI (1782-1849) one of Italy's most celebrated singers, ascribed her glorious voice to the fact that before each concert she always ate a spoonful of ants' eggs.

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THE SHARK is the only animal in the world that never sleeps or rests.

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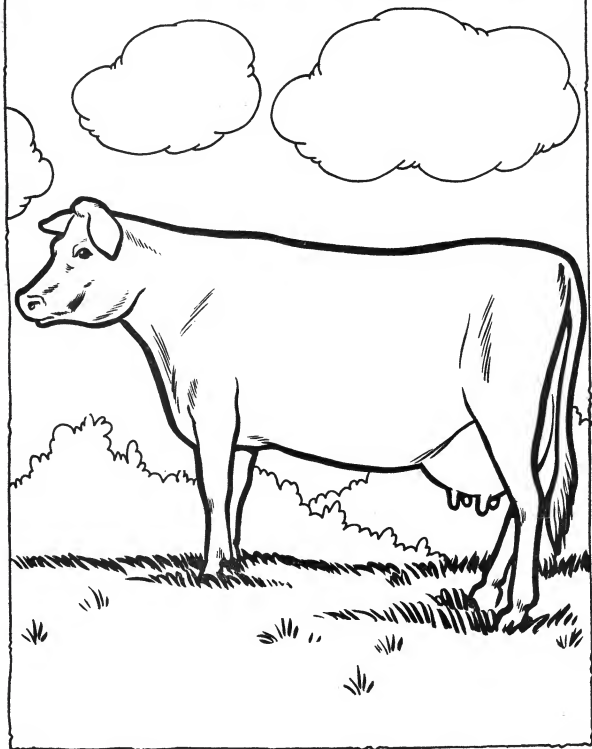
Mrs. Mary Ann Normandin of Methuen, Mass., paints landscapes on the heads of pins. She uses a single hair from her husband's eyebrow as a brush.

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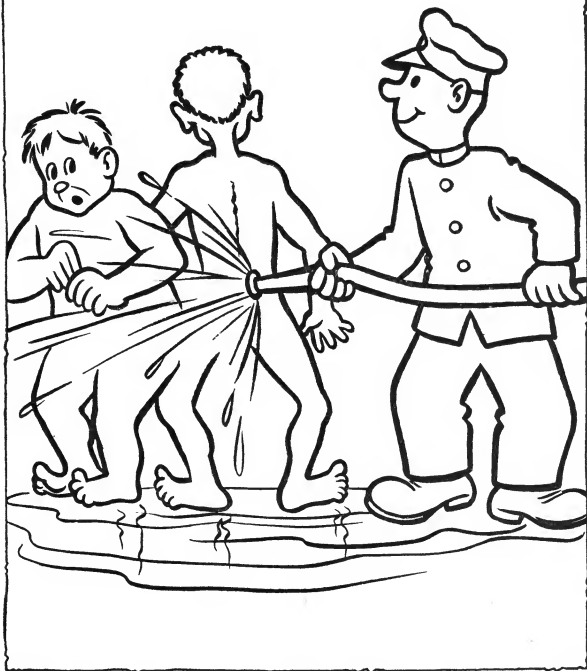
GEORGE WASHINGTON, leading the retreat from Long Island to Harlem, rode his horse for 48 consecutive hours without stopping.

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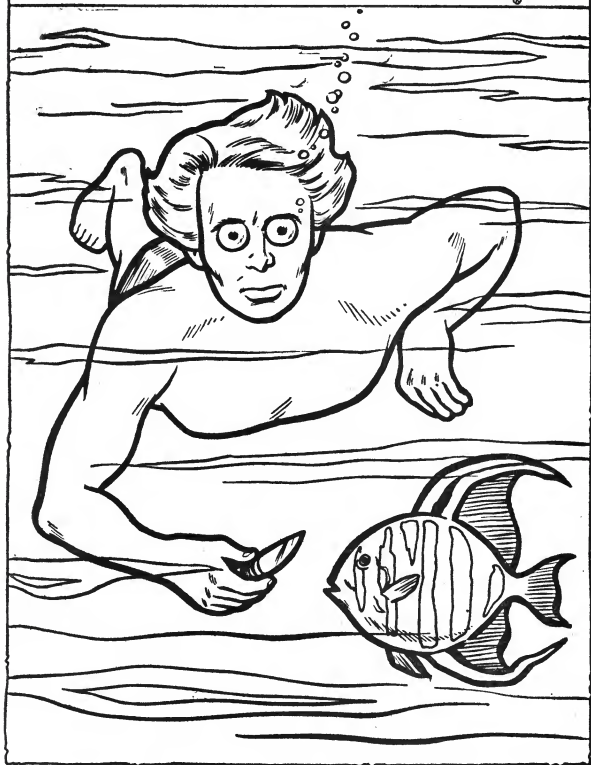
SPROSTON KISMET, a Jersey cow, in 16 seasons produced 157,429 pounds of milk and 10,022 pounds of butterfat. She was owned by R. G. Atkinson, Taranaki, N. Z.

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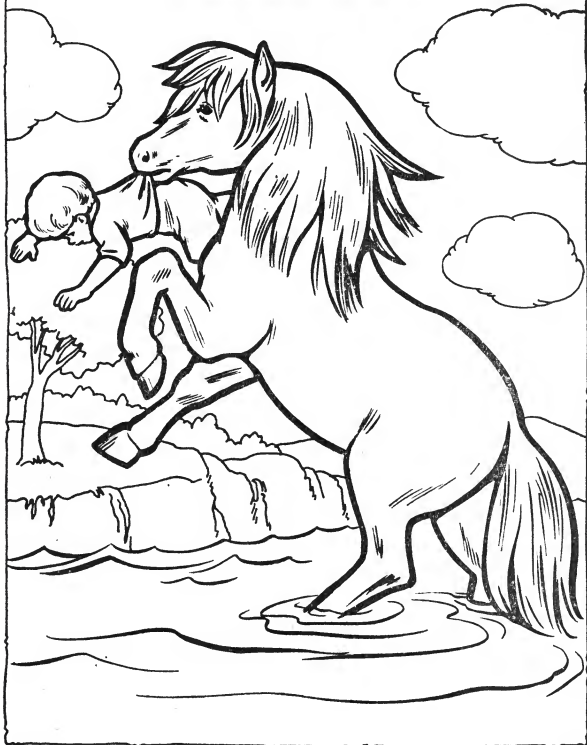
EMPLOYEES IN THE U. S. MINT are required to take a bath at the end of a day so that the gold particles may be recovered.

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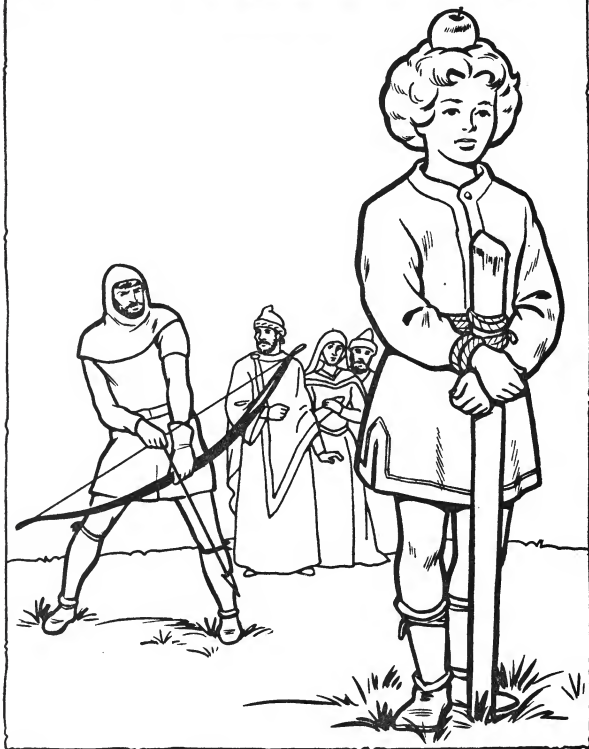
THE STRANGEST WATER GOGGLES IN THE WORLD. Fishermen of the Marquesas Islands in the Pacific, who can stay underwater for 4 minutes, release 2 air bubbles from their nostrils and gently press them into their eye sockets to serve as goggles!

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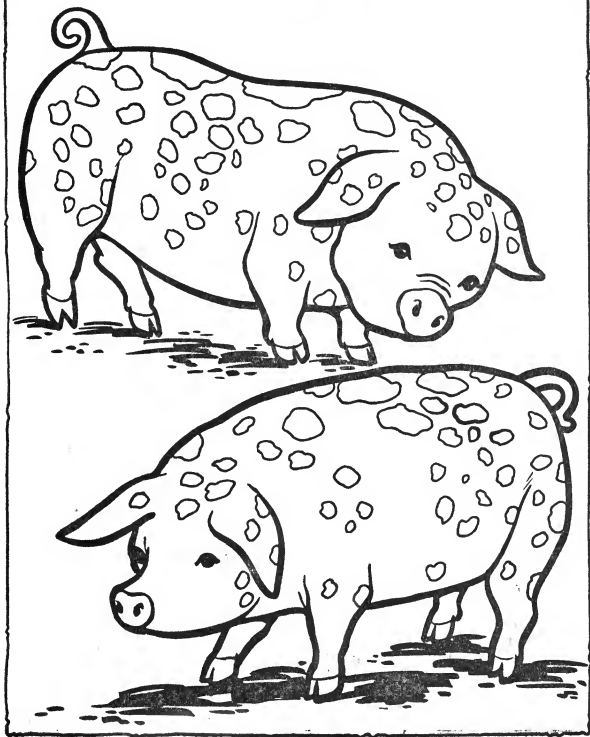
THE PONY THAT SAVED A CHILD FROM DROWNING! At Lerwick, Shetland Islands, the pony dove into the sea from a high bank, swam to the youngster's aid and scrambled ashore with its teeth in the child's clothing—all without a human command!

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THE MACKINLAY FAMILY of Scotland won an estate from King Robert the Bruce when the father shot an arrow that split an apple on the head of his own young son. The story of a similar feat by William Tell is a myth.

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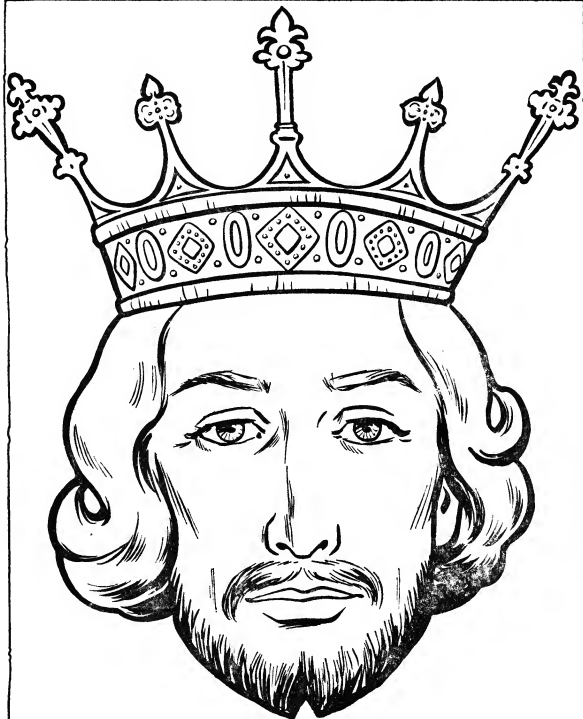
BLUE POLKA-DOT PIGS, Owned by Jack Tweddle, Fergus, Ontario

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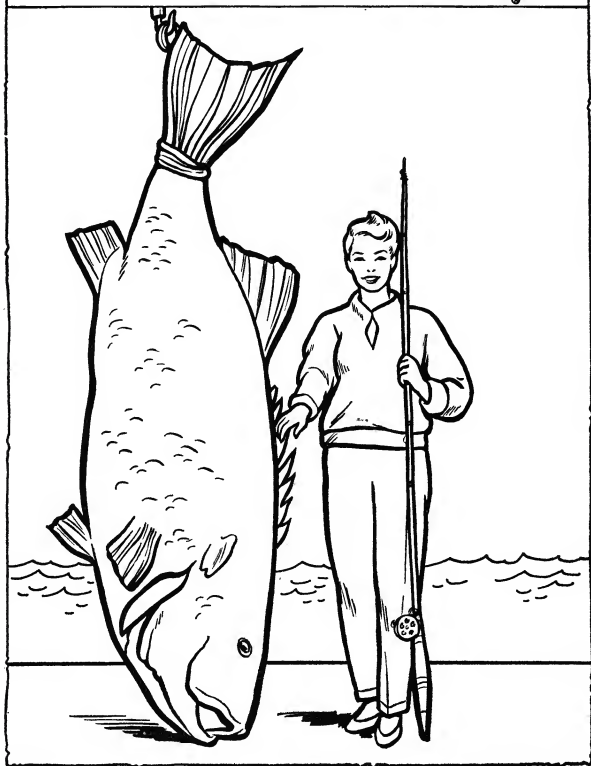
EUDES de CHALO S. MARC, Chamberlain of King Philip I of France, ordered to carry out a pilgrimage on behalf of his monarch, journeyed on foot all the way to Jerusalem and back carrying a wax candle. He never once removed his helmet and armor.

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KING RICHARD II (1367-1400) was the first English monarch who actually sat for his portrait—and the first to learn how to sign his name.

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SEA BASS caught by Mrs. Bettie Sears on medium tackle weighed 419 pounds—Coronado Islands, California.

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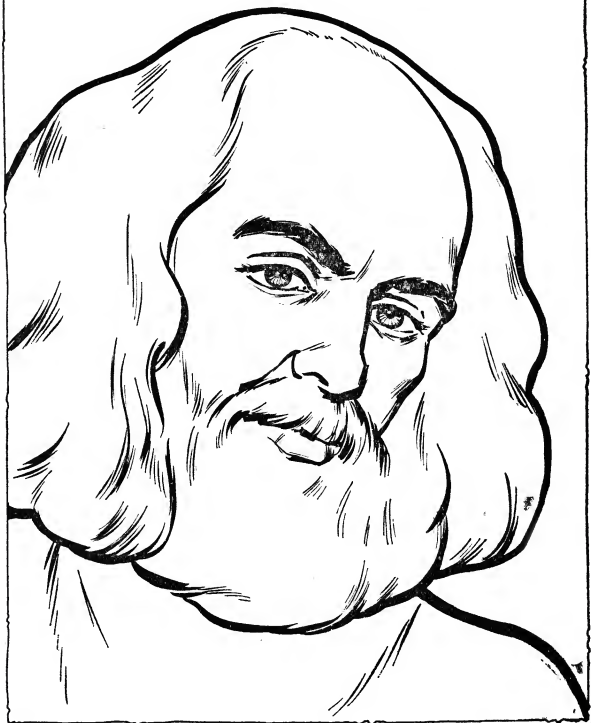
CHE MAH, celebrated Chinese midget, was 28 inches tall, yet his cue was 13 feet long.

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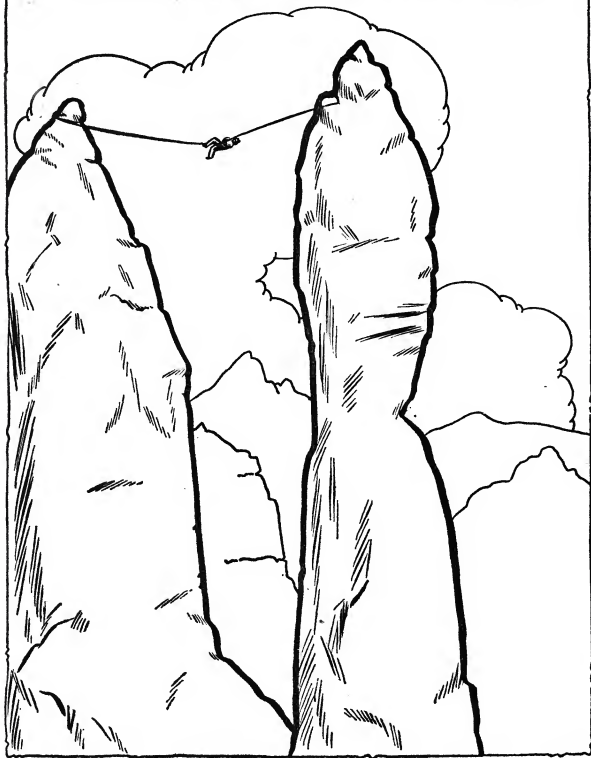
"GYP," a German Police Dog owned by Herbert Neff, ran away from home but returned to spend Christmas with the Neffs each December 25 for 9 successive years. Knoxville, Tennessee.

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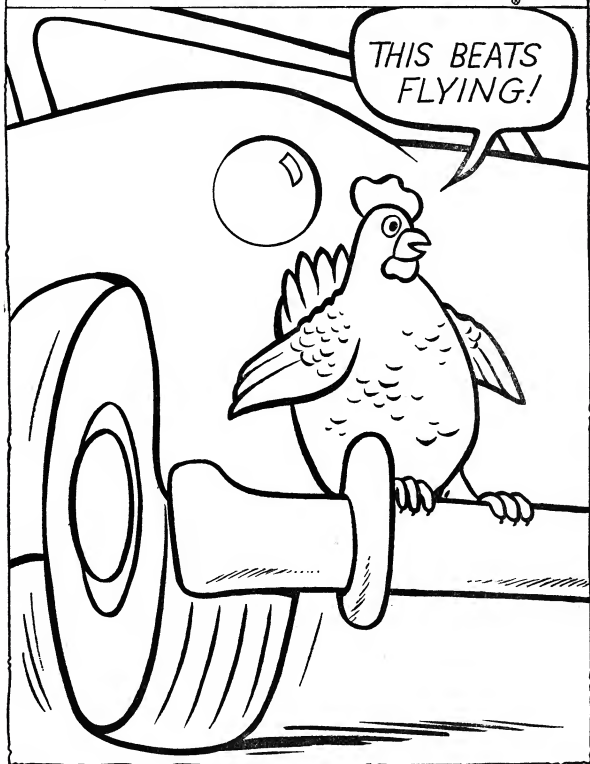
PETER — "THE WILD BOY" who was found in a forest in Hanover, Germany, at about age 13, lived 60 years in Harrow, England, yet could never be taught to speak, to sleep in a bed, or to walk upright. As long as he lived, he ate grass and moss.

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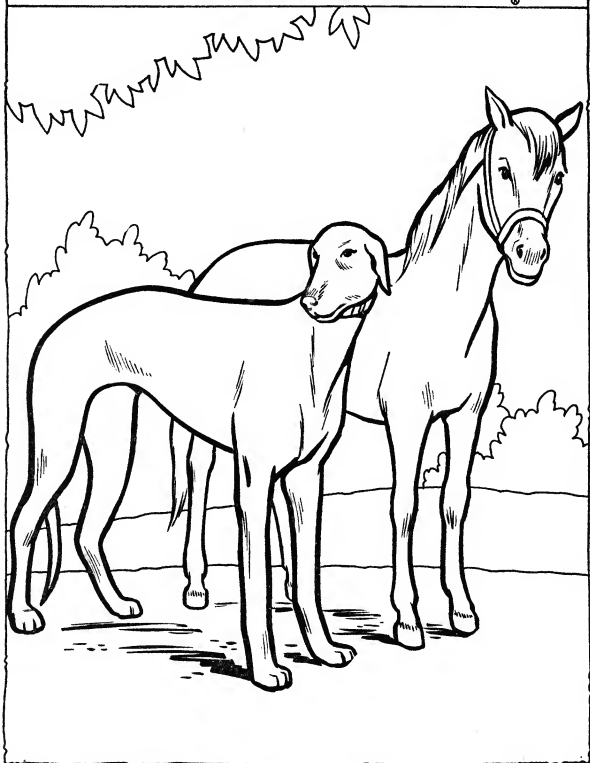
THE GREAT STONE COLUMN of the Dolomite Mountains of Italy, regarded as an unscalable pinnacle, was finally conquered by a daring climber who lassoed it from a neighboring peak and then crawled across the rope.

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A CHICKEN rode 20 miles from Euless, Texas, to Dallas, perched on the front bumper of a car, at 60 miles per hour.

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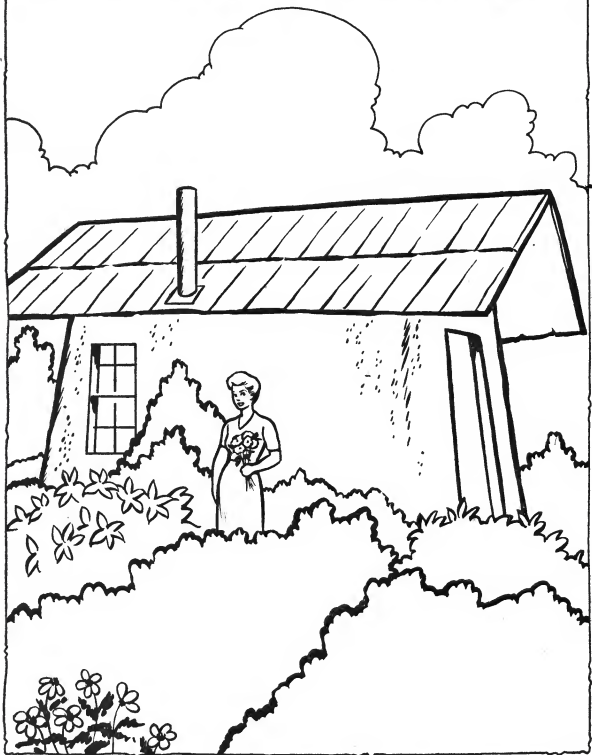
"ENORMOUS," a greyhound, weighs 92 pounds and measures 6 feet from nose to tail. Owned by Eugene Randle, Ojus, Florida.

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JAMES TOLLER (1777-1798) of St. Neots, England, who died at the age of 21, was 8½ feet tall, having grown 2 feet in the last year of his life.

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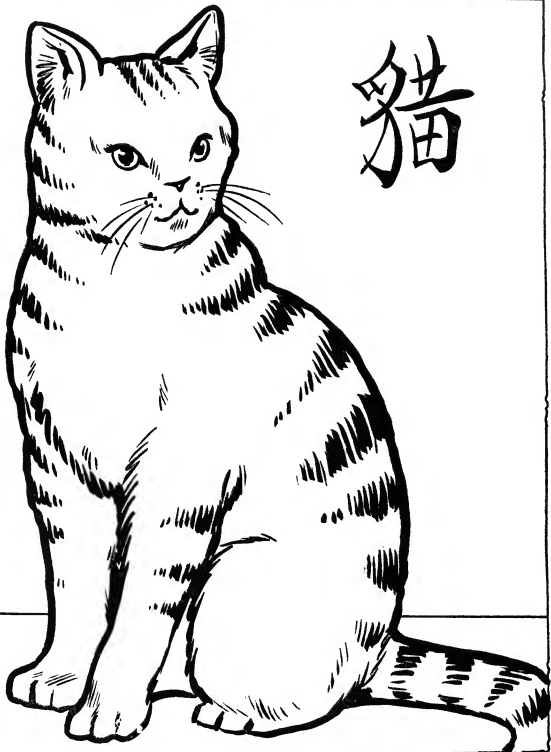
A HOUSE in Edgecombe, Washington, built in the stump of a giant cedar.

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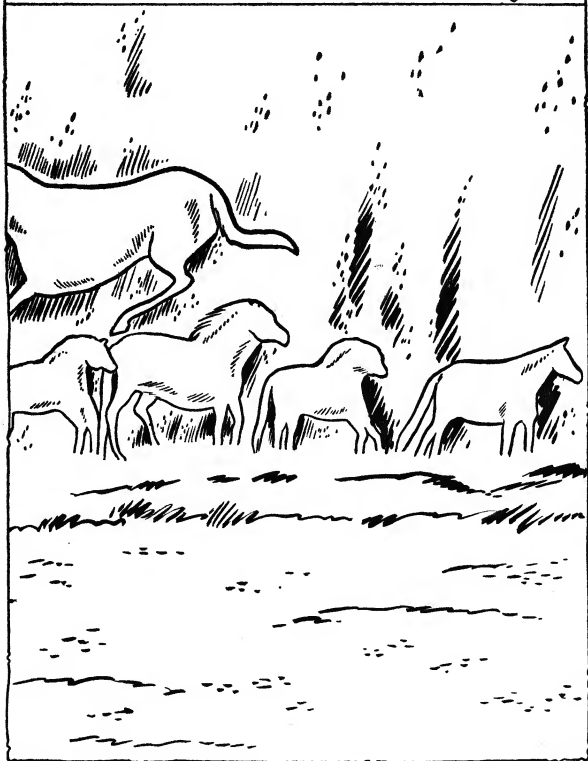
DRAWN IN ONE CONTINUOUS LINE by Charles Underhill, the pen not being lifted from the paper from start to finish.

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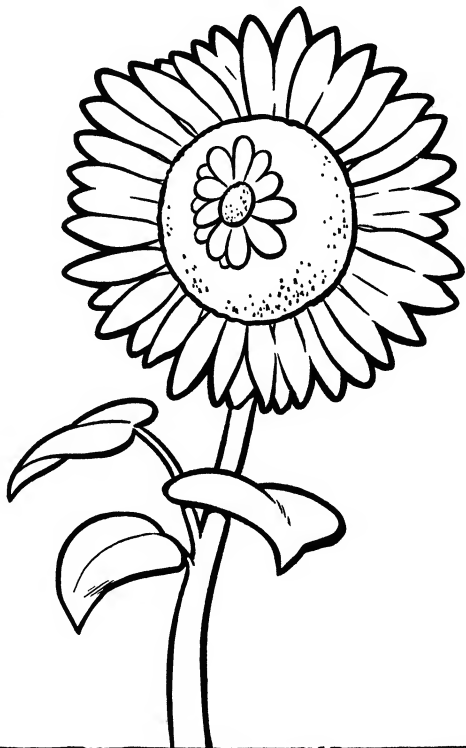
The Chinese word for cat is "MEOW."

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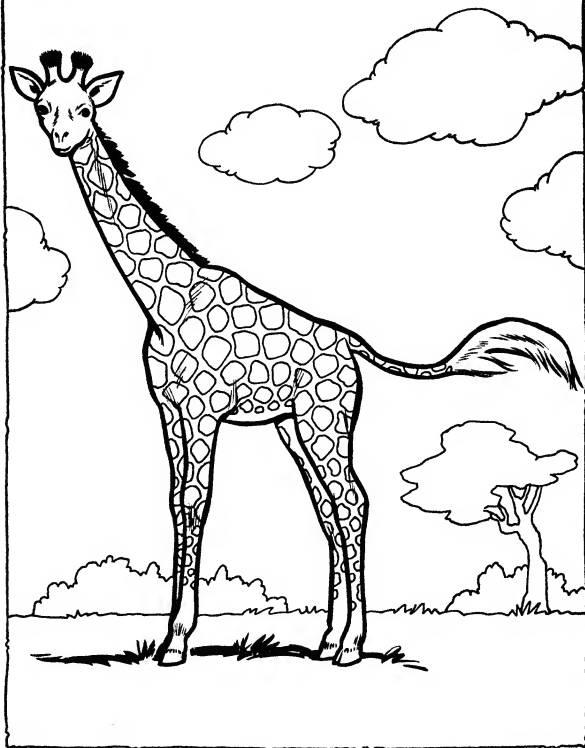
AN ANCIENT PAINTING OF HORSES in the Cave of Lascaux, France, was preserved for 30,000 years by a protective glaze formed when the cave walls "sweated" a crystalline film that hardened like glass.

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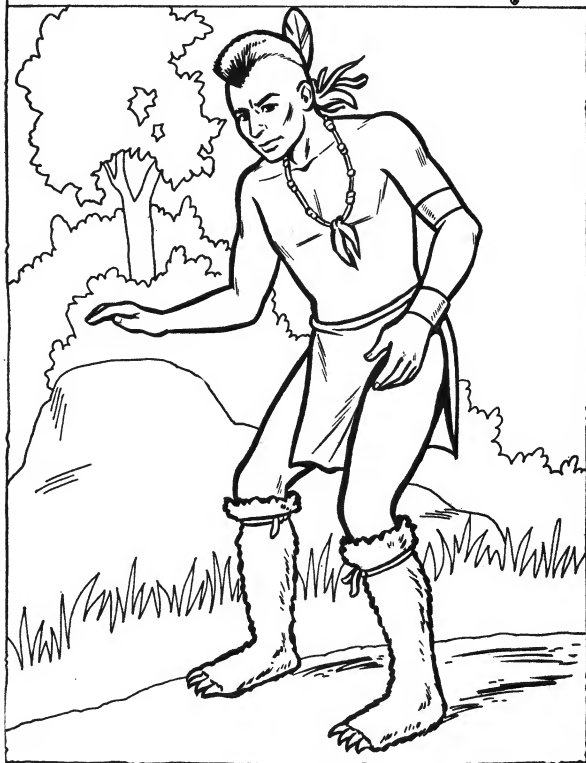
SUNFLOWER with another bloom growing from its center. Submitted by Mrs. Mary Robertson, Lonaconing, Md.

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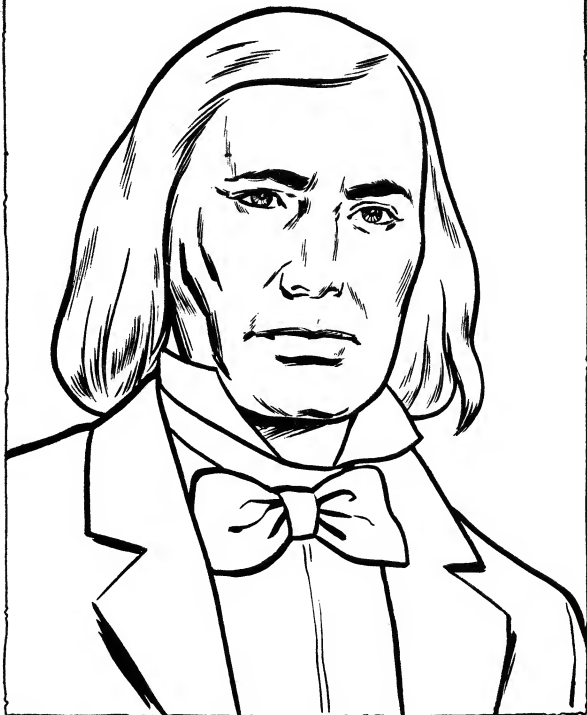
THE GIRAFFE IS TOTALLY MUTE, yet it can "talk" with its tail! It conveys messages to other giraffes by the position or swish of its tail.

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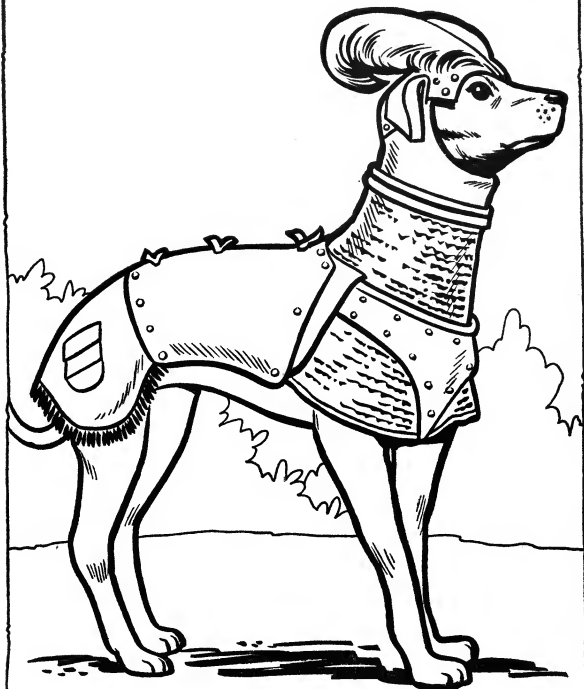
BOOTS made from the legs of a bear were worn by American Indians to confuse tracking pursuers.

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KIT CARSON, the famous scout, as a boy of 17 in Franklin, Mo., in 1826, ran away from the saddle maker to whom he was apprenticed — and the official reward for his recapture was **ONE CENT!**

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HUNTING DOGS in 16th century Spain were dressed in steel armor.

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EGG went through a washing machine without breaking. Submitted by Mrs. C. Karanickolas, Perryville, Mo.

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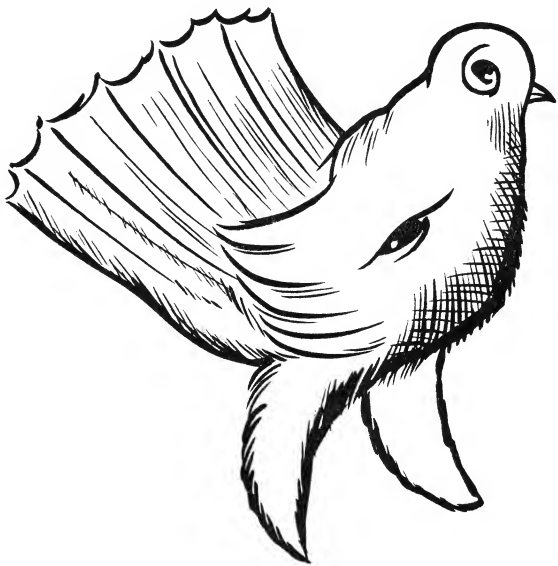
TIM TUFTON of Tuftonboro, N. H., was so powerful that he could leap out of a deep barrel without touching it with his hands.

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Roxanne Moore of St. Louis, Mo., dances without shoes, on the tops of her toes.

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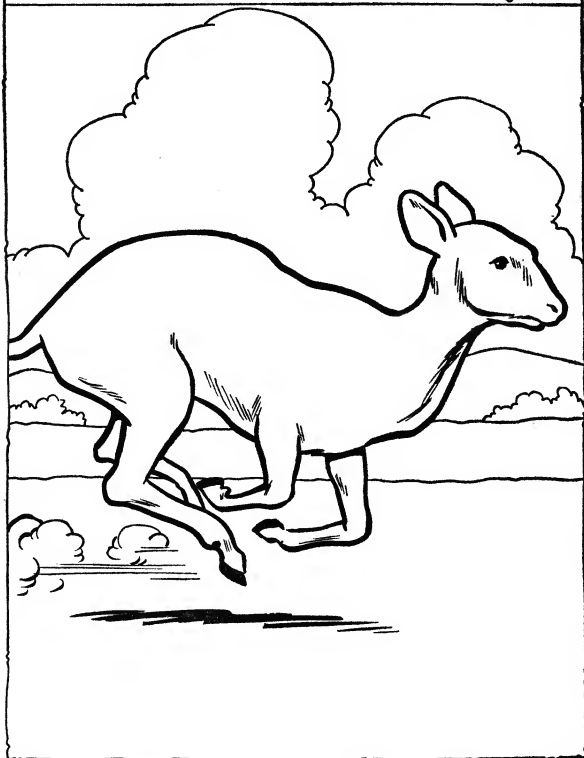
TURN this bird upside down, and it becomes a donkey.

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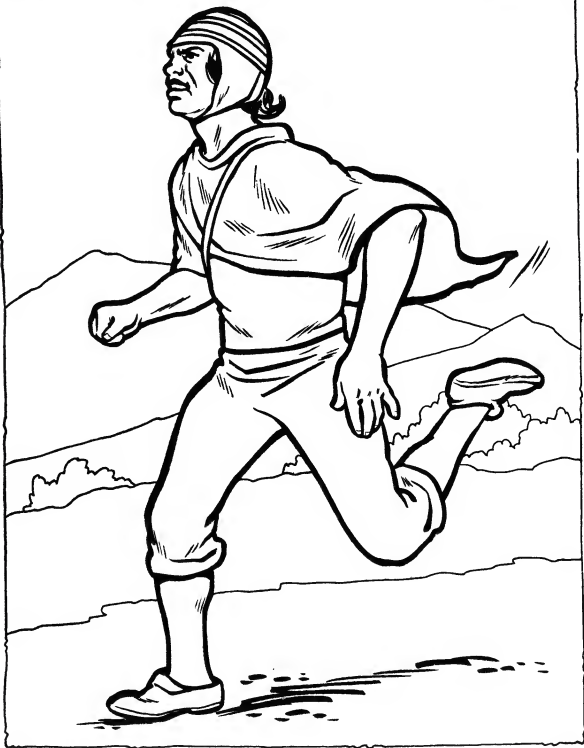
CHILDREN of the Babendzere tribe of Africa are diapered with leaves.

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A BABY GAZELLE only a few days old can outrun a horse.

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THE FAITHFUL COURIER. Teuthlille, an Aztec messenger, ordered to notify Montezuma that Cortez had landed, ran from Vera Cruz to Mexico City and back, a distance of 400 miles over high mountains, without pausing once to rest in 6 days.

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THE CAT THAT WAS WORTH 3 GENERALS. Prince Wallenstein (1583-1634) was so fond of his black cat that when it was seized in the 30-year War, he recovered it by exchanging the cat for 3 captured Swedish generals.

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THE MAN WHOSE WAISTLINE MEASURED MORE THAN HIS HEIGHT.
Wouter Van Twiller, second governor of New Netherlands (1633-1638) was
5 feet 6 inches tall and 6 feet 5 inches in circumference.

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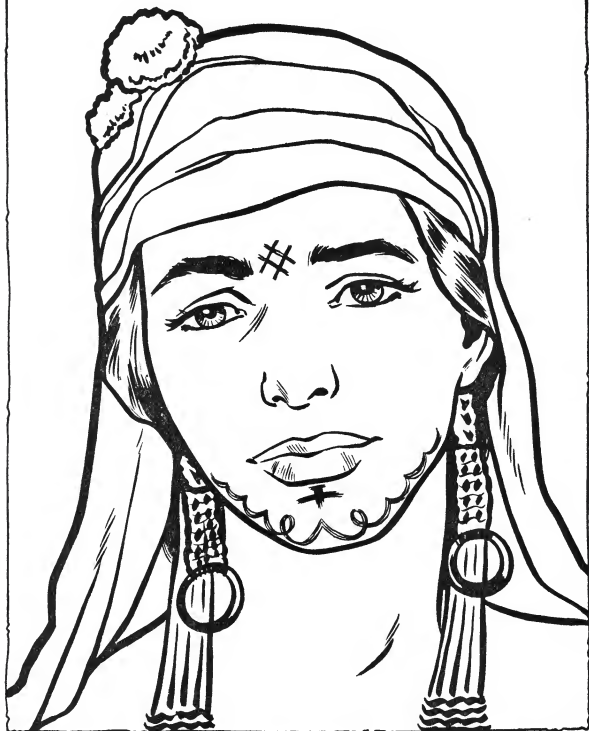
Miss Clara Weston, a teacher in Pueblo, Colo., to get to school for a period of 4 months in 1864, waded the Arkansas River twice each day.

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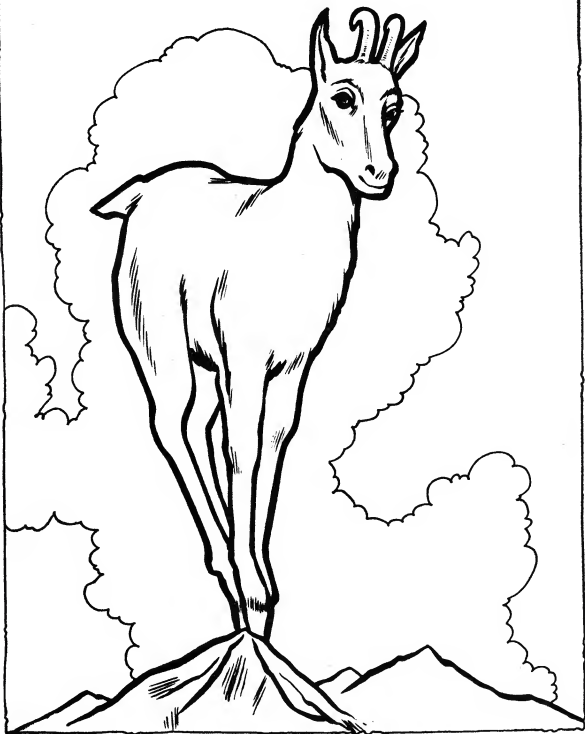
ISAAC WORDEN, of Prospect, New York (1776-1856) at the age of 70 could leap so high that he would click his heels 3 times while still in the air.

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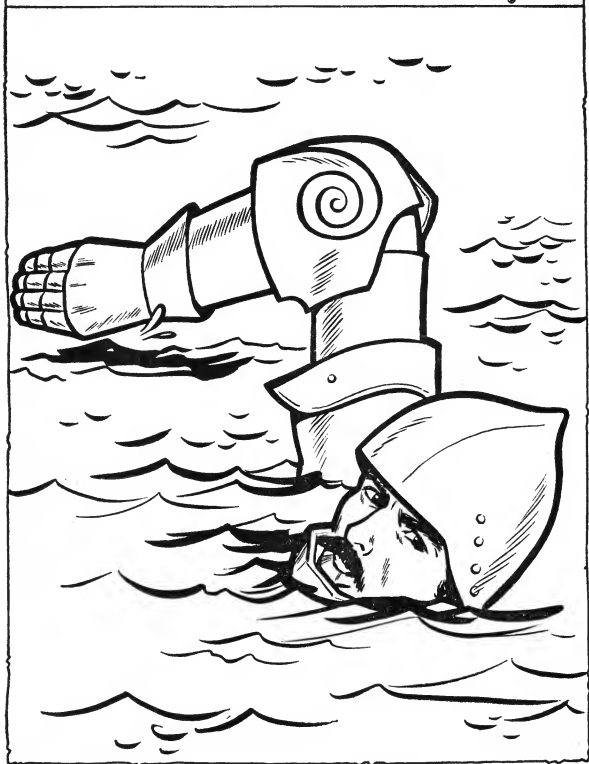
THE MAN OF THE FAMILY. A girl of the Berber Tribe, Morocco, who has no brothers, must tattoo whiskers on her chin.

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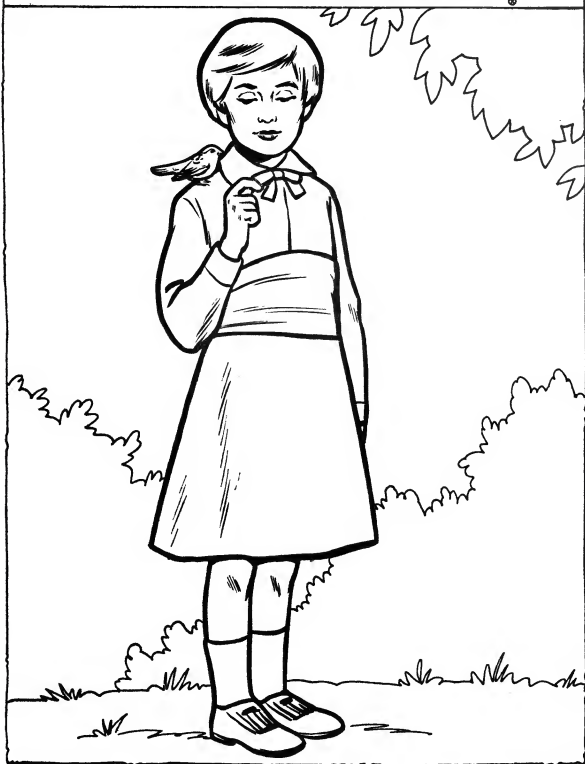
A CHAMOIS can stand on a point of rock the size of a half dollar.

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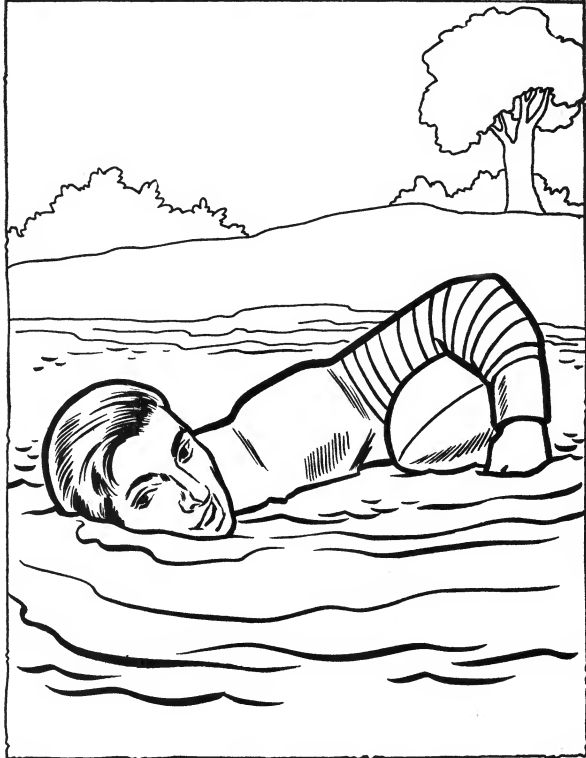
THE IRON MAN. Sultan Beybars of Egypt, to set an example of hardihood for his soldiers, swam across the River Nile and back every day for 17 years—clad in full armor and dragging a 38-lb. weight! (1260-1277)

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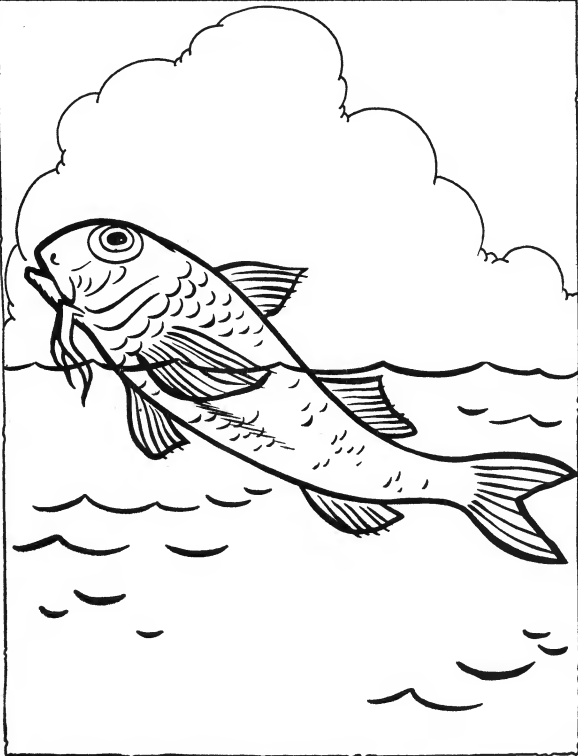
THE BIRD GIRL, Elie Gourbeyre of Nouara, France, could lure any bird to her shoulder merely by crooking her finger! Her strange power lasted only 6 years, until she was 12 years of age.

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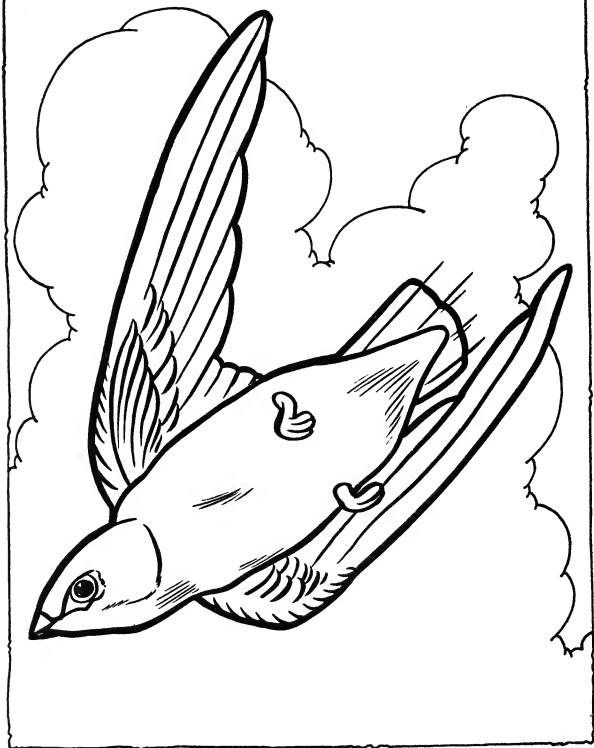
E. COOK, Oklahoma University halfback, **SWAM TO A TOUCHDOWN!** A blocked kick fell into a river behind the goal posts and Cook swam the ball back for a touchdown. (Guthrie, Okla. Nov. 6, 1904)

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MULLETS were trained by the ancient Romans **TO ANSWER A WHISTLE.**

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THE EUROPEAN SWIFT NEVER TOUCHES THE GROUND. It eats, drinks, and even snatches the fluff from which it builds its nest, in flight.

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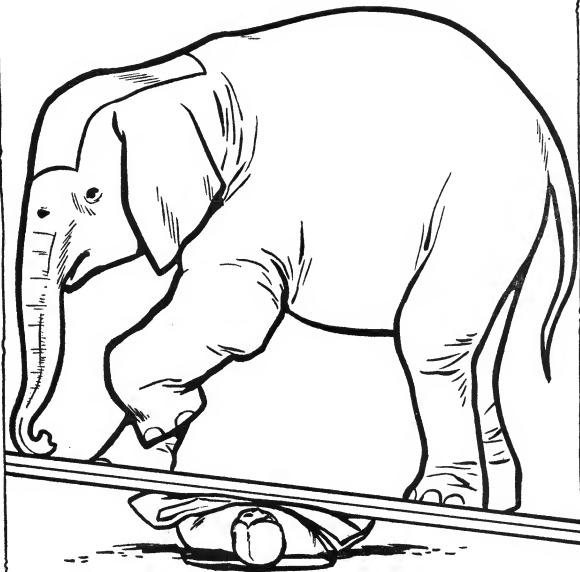
THE MAN WHO OUTRAN A HORSE. Paul J. Simpson of Burlington, N. C., matched against a horse in a 144-mile race, won by 28 miles. (1927)

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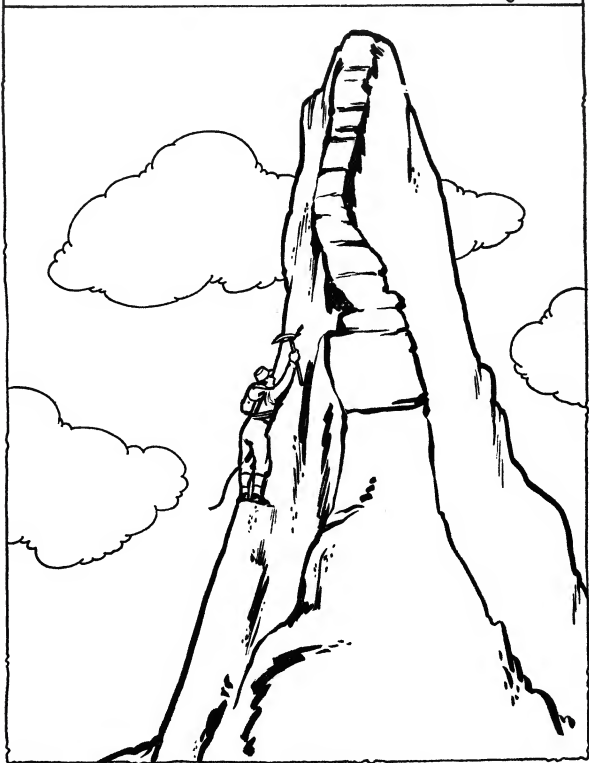
ROSE GROWING FROM ANOTHER ROSE. Submitted by S. A. Love,
Victorville, Calif.

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RAMA MURTI NAIDU, Madras, allowed a 4,000-lb. elephant to walk over him.

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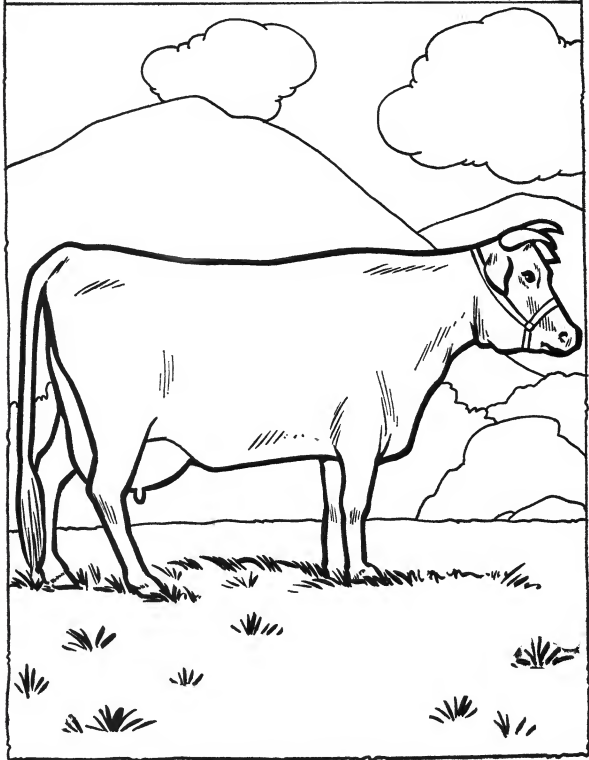
ADMIRAL SIR LEWIS JONES was testing rock strata on Breakneck Mt. when the ledge crumbled and left him on a 3-inch crevice above a 1,000-foot precipice. His hammer caught in the rocks and he clung to it for 3 days until he was saved.

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THE LAKE THAT IS ALSO A PASTURE. Lake Gurrída in Sicily is filled with water only in winter. When spring comes, the water mysteriously vanishes and the area is a grazing ground for cattle.

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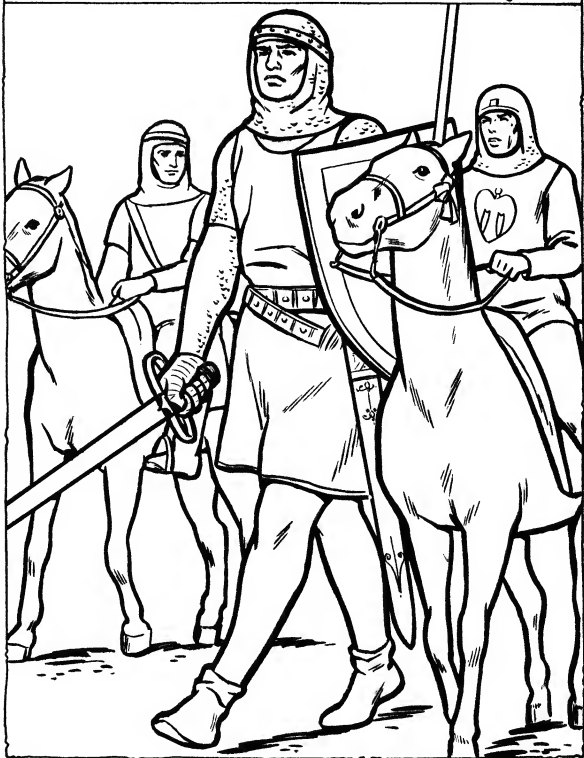
THE BLACK COWS OF VALAMO, Russia, will not permit women to milk them.

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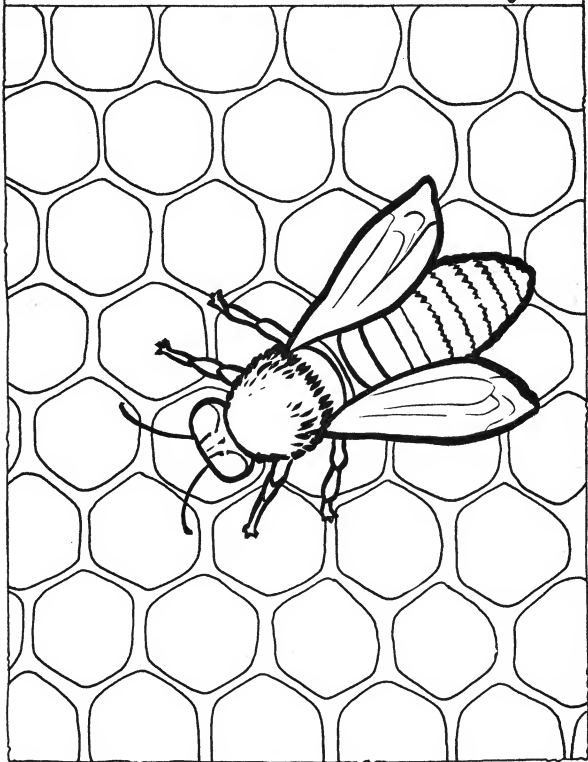
THE SPIKE DANCERS of Timor—barefooted and blindfolded—leap about on a board studded with poisoned spikes!

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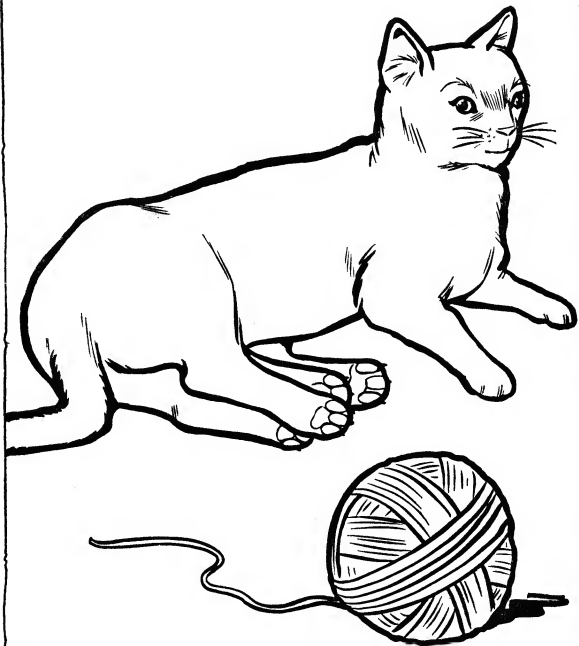
THE KNIGHT WHO NEVER OWNED A HORSE. Rollo, Duke of Normandy, (860-930) a 9-foot giant, always walked and fought on foot because he was too big to ride a horse!

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WALKIE-TALKIE. The honey bee communicates with other bees by the manner in which it crawls about the hive.

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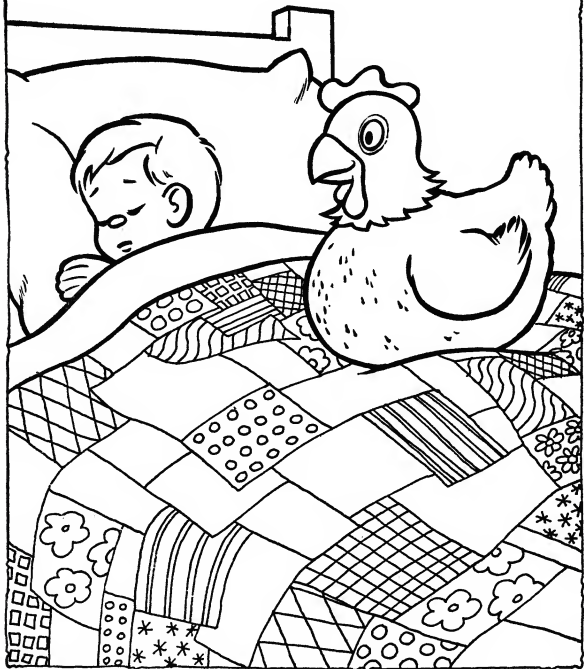
A CAT WITH 6 LEGS, owned by Marie McCracken, Bridgeport, Pa.

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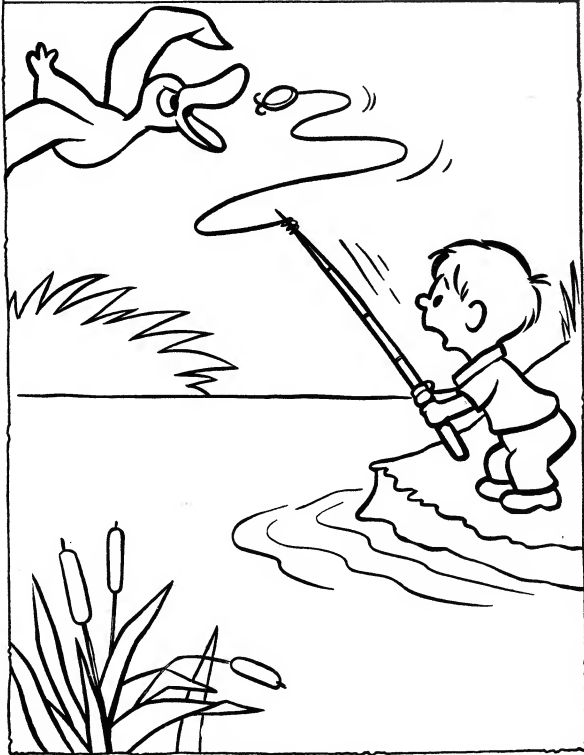
Mrs. Jean Deverts found an octopus in her coal bin! Pittsburgh, Pa.

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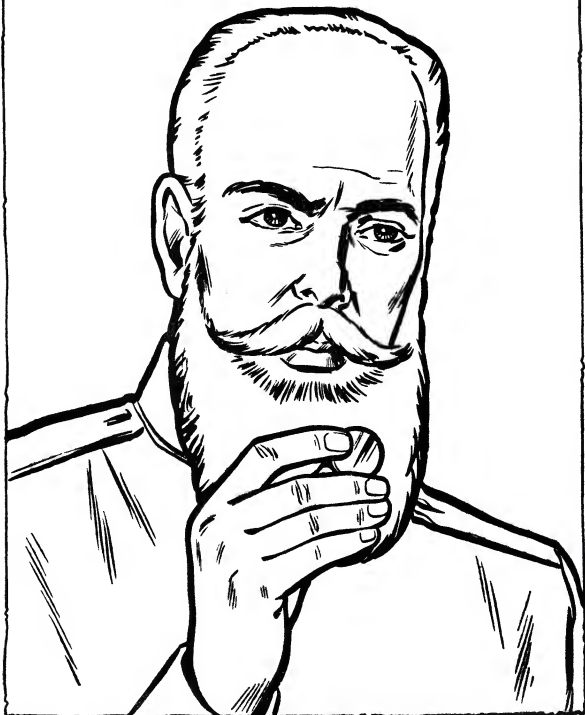
HEN lays an egg each morning on her owner's bed. She is owned by Butch Taylor, age 6, Danville, Va.

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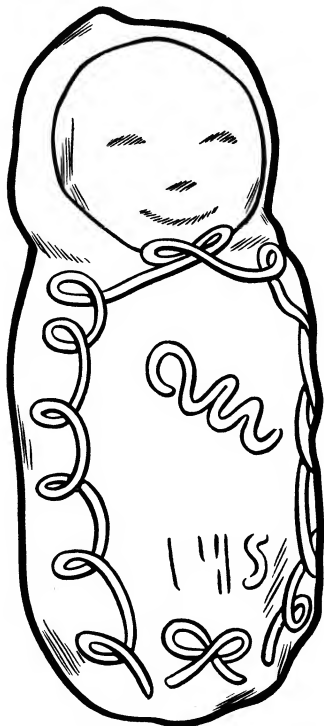
STEPHAN STAPLE of Levittown, New York—9 years of age—fishing for bass, hooked a duck.

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CZAR ALEXANDER III of Russia could bend a ruble—a silver coin the size of a half dollar—between his thumb and forefingers.

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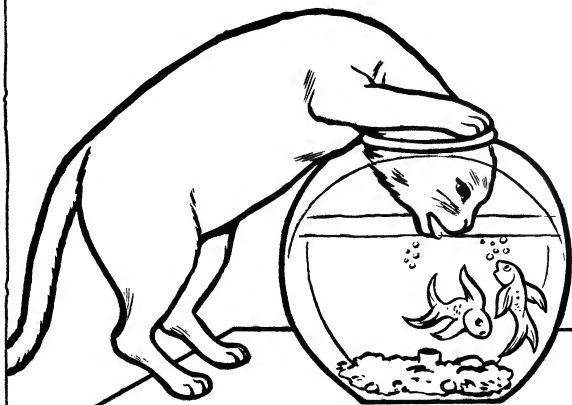
BREAD in Illmitz, Austria, is baked in the shape of a human figure. Only the "body" is eaten—the head is always thrown into a well in the belief that it can prevent anyone from drowning.

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LITTLE PILGRIMS to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal are dressed to look exactly like the church's famed statue of the Madonna.

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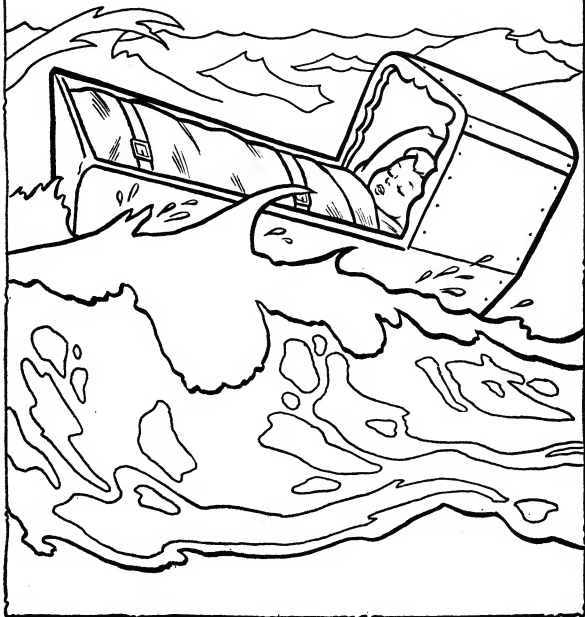
CAT that always drinks from the goldfish bowl but never disturbs the fish.
Owned by Juanita Boltan, Baltimore, Md.

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ORCHIDS in New South Wales, Australia, that look like flying ducks.

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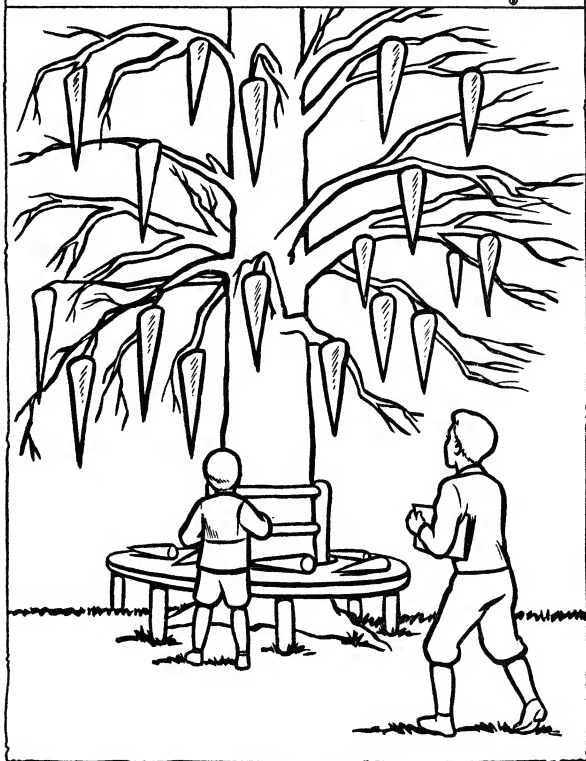
THE CRADLE THAT WAS MORE SEAWORTHY THAN A SCHOONER. The "York," shipwrecked off Holyhead, Wales, in a storm, went down with all hands—except an infant named Maddox, whose wooden cradle washed ashore with the baby still slumbering in it unharmed!

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GEESE WERE TRAINED for centuries at Lake Menteth, to fish for pike. A short-baited line was attached to a bird's leg, and when a fish was hooked, the goose hauled it to shore.

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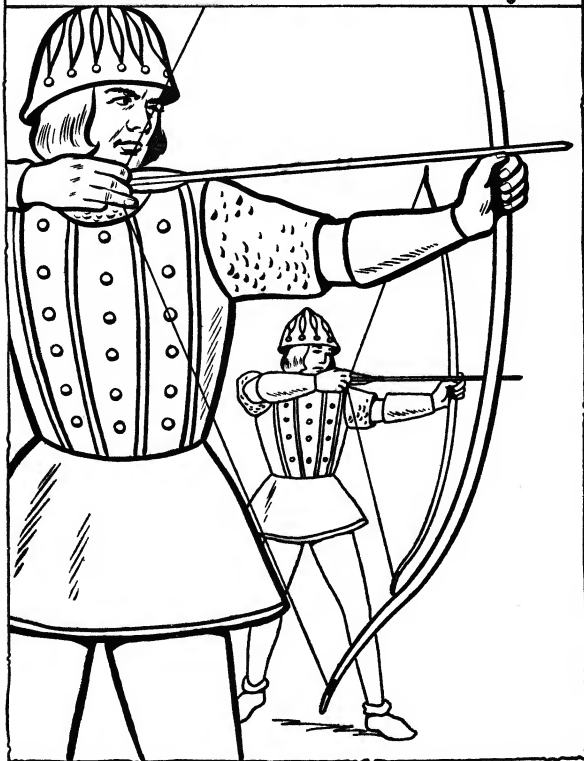
THE CANDY TREE. School children in parts of rural Germany, on the first day of each term, find paper-wrapped sweets hanging from a tree in the school yard.

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A NEW ELECTRONIC GAUGE used in manufacturing airplane instruments can measure the depth of a mouse's footprints on a strand of wire.

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THE FIRST INFANTRY UNIFORM IN HISTORY. Welsh bowmen at the Battle of Crecy were the first foot soldiers to wear military dress. August 26, 1346.

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3 MEN ON A HORSE! Espinay de St. Loup (1549-1592) a knight of Bearn, France, having promised his parents he would never leave his 2 disabled brothers, fought in 20 battles with the 3 brothers on one horse.

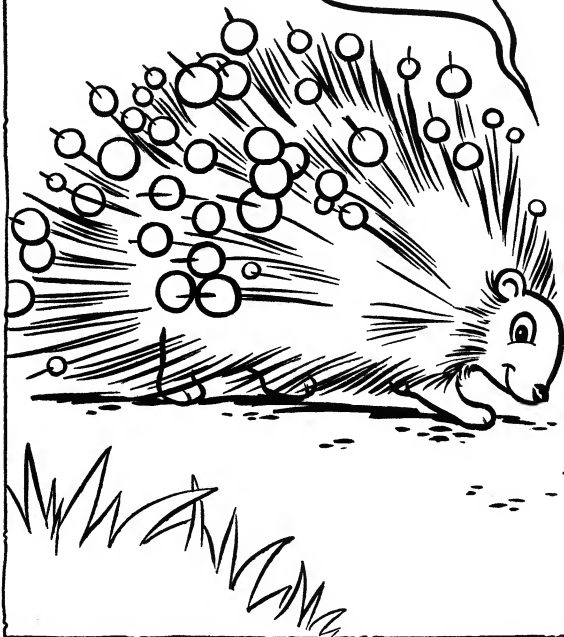
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THE BEAR THAT SAVED A MAN'S LIFE. Mates Huberli, a woodchopper of Lebern, Switzerland, attacked by a bear at the edge of the great precipice of Wandfluh, fell 4,000 feet locked in the bear's embrace, but escaped alive because he landed on top of the bear!

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BE MY
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A PORCUPINE shakes berries and grapes to the ground, then rolls on the fallen fruit so he can carry it home on his quills

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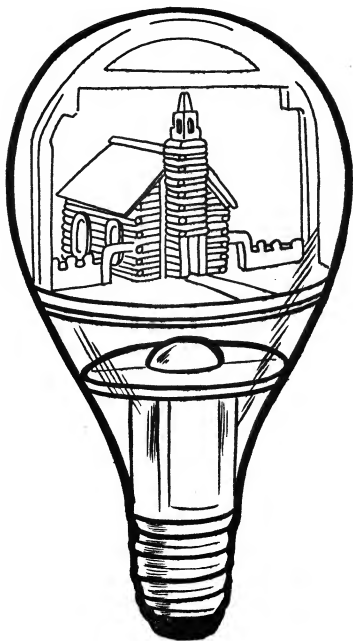
ROMANTIC ROMANS displayed portraits of their sweethearts on medallions attached to their shoes.

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BROADCASTS from Radio Station KCRS were received by Mrs. Virginia Kimmey through the hot water faucet in her bath tub. Midland, Texas.

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A MINIATURE CHURCH built by Robert Searight inside a 1000-watt bulb.
Long Beach, California.

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THE SLAVE WHO BECAME A RULER. Sultan Qaluan of Egypt, founder of a dynasty that ruled Egypt for 110 years, proudly bore the official title of "El Elfi"—the man of 1000 pieces of silver—a reminder of the price once paid for him as a slave!

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